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To: Senate Bill No. 986 File No. 531 Cal. No. 271

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Subsections (k) to (o), inclusive, of section 15-31a of the
- 4 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 5 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):
- 6 (k) [On or before December fifteenth of each year, the board shall
- 7 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the
- 8 Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
- 9 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, commerce and
- 10 the environment, summarizing the authority's activities, disclosing
- 11 operating and financial statements and recommending legislation to
- promote the authority's purposes.] Prior to meeting to vote on any
- 13 <u>item directly related to the operation or facilities of a port in a</u>
- 14 municipality, the board shall: (1) Provide advance notice of such
- 15 meeting to the chief executive officer of such municipality, and (2)

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16 provide such chief executive officer with the opportunity, in writing or 17 in person at the meeting, to comment on such item.

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- (l) Not later than seven days after receiving an audit of the authority conducted by an independent auditing firm, the board shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, commerce, the environment transportation a copy of each such audit.
- (m) The board shall: (1) Develop and recommend to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation a maritime policy for the state; (2) advise the Governor and such committee concerning the state's maritime policies and operations; (3) support the development of the state's maritime commerce and industries, including its ports 30 and harbors; (4) recommend investments and actions, including dredging, required in order to preserve and enhance maritime commerce and industries; and (5) conduct studies and present recommendations concerning maritime issues.
- 34 (n) At least once each year, the board shall hold a public hearing for 35 the purpose of evaluating the adequacy of the state's maritime policies, 36 facilities and support for maritime commerce and industry.
 - (o) On or before January 1, [2017] 2020, and annually thereafter, the board of directors shall submit [, in writing] a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the Governor [(1)] and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, commerce and the environment. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) A summary of the authority's activities, including a copy of the authority's operating and financial statements, (2) a list of projects which, if undertaken by the state, would support the state's maritime policies and encourage maritime commerce and industry; [(2)] (3) recommendations for improvements to existing maritime policies, programs and facilities;

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and [(3) such other recommendations as the board considers appropriate. Copies of such report shall be submitted to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a] (4) recommendations for legislation to promote the authority's purpose."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	Iulu 1 2019	15-31a(k) to (a)